



Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson

Spoken Introduction

Born in Houston, Texas on November 15, 1946 Jerry Patterson graduated Texas A&M, Class of 1969 and received his commission in the United States Marine Corps. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was later designated as a Naval Flight Officer. Patterson served in Marine fighter squadrons until his retirement from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993. Five generations of his family have served in the military in time of war.

In 1993, Patterson was elected to the Texas Senate from District 11. As senator, Patterson passed the historic concealed handgun law, a constitutional amendment allowing home equity lending, the state coastal management plan and a bill creating the Texas State Veterans Home Program, among others.

In November 2002, Patterson was elected as the 27th Texas Land Commissioner. He was re-elected to a third term in 2010. Jerry resides in Austin and has four children, twins Samantha and Cole, born in 2004, and Emily and Travis. His daughter Emily is an attorney in Kosovo for an agency funded by the U.S. State Department. His son Travis is a graduate of Texas A&M, where he was commissioned as a Marine Lieutenant. He served four overseas tours of duty as a U.S. Marine attack helicopter pilot in the War on Terror, including two in Iraq.